



CHAPTER XVI.—(CONTINUED)

Emile, without a moment's hesitation stood up in a cart, and began a furious harangue, somewhat after the fashion of his old club addresses.

"You are just the man we want!" cried M. Pierre, coming forward with outstretched hands.

"The very one; and I am proud to meet the Gray Falcon." Arm in arm M. Pierre and Emile walked into a restaurant for breakfast.

"Prosperously; there is not the slightest doubt Louis will be beheaded, and the Austrian wife will follow.

"Willingly, brave Falcon, if I have caught my birds, but otherwise I must stick to this spot. I know they are still about the place and I must watch my nets."

"You seem to have great interest in succeeding?" "To be sure. I have double motives—gain and revenge. I haven't told you there is a girl in the case, have I, that gives extra zest to the adventure?"

Emile swallowed his disgust and ire as best he might, and with some trivial excuse, left M. Pierre to finish his breakfast. It seemed to him he should stifle if he breathed the same air with the villain any longer.

He found himself the object of awe and reverence. One who had passed through so many Parisian tragedies, and whose reputation as a revolutionary orator was so widespread, might well draw the attention of all.

It was a sore trial for him to speak now. The terrible perversion of his former efforts made his heart heavy under similar attempts. He had seen for himself what revolution meant, and he was almost ready to accept the old evils patiently, in lieu of the maddest convulsion, whatever purification might eventually come from it.

But he had set his task before him, and Emile had all his life been used to self-sacrifice and self-struggling. He was not the man to blanch or falter.

He became the lion of Frejus, and M. Pierre was almost ready to be jealous of his popularity.

The days wore on from a week to a month, and still Emile found himself hampered on all sides, and bound hand and foot by the press of circumstances.

His heart sickened as he thought of the long delay, the torture of watching and waiting in that underground retreat. He was nearly frantic with alarm as he heard M. Pierre confidently broaching the plan of hunting for caves or burrows in the forest, declaring he would dig it all over before he gave up his search.

And still no plan for their escape had occurred to him. His very popularity increased the difficulty; he had no privileges, every movement he made was noted; he gave out notice that he was sent for to Paris, and made ostensible preparations for departure.

That very day came M. Pierre, jubilant and sanguine. "Wait a little, Falcon, and I can go with you, after I catch my prey."

right speedily. He sprang up at length with a brightened face, and began examining his pistols.

After that he went out to find his coadjutor.

CHAPTER XVII.

LEFT alone, the day after Emile's departure to the town, the young people were rather gloomy, but each endeavored to cheer the other.

"I know what an insignificant protector I must seem to you in comparison with Monsieur Emile, dear Chlotilde," said Jules; "but, indeed, he is a paragon. And now that my strength has returned, and something of my own spirits, I assure you I shall be of better service than you imagine."

"Nay, dear Jules, I have all possible confidence in you, and so has my uncle. He told me about your generous and heroic interference for the poor old priest in Paris. I have been sad because I could not throw off the depression the lack of his cheerful encouragement was likely enough to induce, and I have been haunted with a fear of some danger befalling him. He is so thoroughly acquainted with the forest, and so accurately informed of the revolutionary movements, his loss to us would be certain destruction."

"It would indeed be irreparable. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and admiration for him. What a wonderful man he is! No king could seem half so grand to me."

"And you know not the half. I only wonder that he has ever been one of the revolutionists."

"Nay, that is the least of my wonderment. With his talents, his varied information, his heroic nature and great heart, I cannot blame him for rising up against the oppression, for the laws of France were horribly grinding upon the under classes; and that such as he should be insulted and down trodden by a titled ignoramus would indeed be shameful."

"Yet I am sure he is troubled and remorseful for the part he has taken."

"Yes, his sensitive nature is shocked by the bloody issue of events. Had such heroic, magnanimous natures as his held entire control, we should have seen quite another form of revolution. There is General Lafayette, I know that he believed in the overthrow of a republic, similar to that of his favorite United States. He is woefully made aware that he who touched the straw with fire cannot hope to control the flame."

"And your sympathies, Jules, you have not told me which way they turn?" asked the girl.

"Indeed, both ways, I may say. I do not blame the people for declaring in favor of equality. I cannot bear to see the nobility massacred. At present because of this last sentiment I am hunted down like a wolf, and grievously hated by the people's party. I suppose therefore I might be called an aristocrat."

"You do not seem like one of the people," observed Felicie, thoughtfully.

"I may reiterate the remark concerning you, Chlotilde. I never saw duchess or marchioness more thoroughly aristocratic in appearance."

She blushed and answered hastily: "My associates have all been nobly born people."

"I should know it. It is the same with your uncle. It all goes to prove the much vaunted aristocracy of blood is all moonshine. Educate one of the common people into the refinements of wealth, and they are far nobler than nobility, take them at their best."

Felicie recalled some similar remark of her mother's and a sorrowful expression came over her face, and she sat a long time in silence, her head drooping on her arm.

Oh, I am all alone—all alone in this cruel, pitiless world!"

Jules knelt down before her, and drew the drooping head to his breast. "Chlotilde, dearest, that is ungenerous. Here is one who is ready to sacrifice everything, even life itself, if your defense. You force from me the secret I meant to declare to your uncle before I breathed it in your ear—that I love you, dearest one, with a love purer and truer and more fervent than I had dared to hope should brighten my desolated life; that I would choose you, though I were a king in the land, before the proudest lady, the most royal princess—you, a peerless daughter of the people."

The startled girl had drawn away her hands from her tearful face—her soft smile was like a rainbow in a summer.

"Is it possible, Jules?" stammered she.

"Ah, you are angry, you are vexed, you have no love in response," said Jules, in a troubled voice.

"I am astonished, I am perplexed, but angry, ah, no, indeed, Jules. I am rather grateful."

"But you have no love for me in return; alas! why should I have ventured to hope so?"

She turned her face toward him slowly. What a sweet hope lighted up the lovely features!

"I am cruel to withhold the truth. I will not be undone in generosity. What I could not say to a marquis I can answer to you, Jules, I do love you; yet, you must forget that I have said it until we see Emile, or learn that something has befallen him."

Jules was kissing her hand in the extravagance of delight.

"Now is the world a paradise, though I am a hunted refugee, and know not how many hours of security are left to me."

Felicie ran away to her little retreat as soon as possible, and sat down there in a perfect bewilderment of mingling emotions.

Half horrified at herself for being capable of this feeling of joy, quite frightened at the words she had spoken, it was long ere a feeling of peace and serenity returned to her.

Then it almost seemed her mother's spirit returned to her and breathed upon her a saintly benediction, as in approval of her course.

It is true she scarcely dared to think of her father; she shuddered as she put aside the thought of his anger and horror of the betrothal of a Languedoc to the humble Jules, a representative of the class the count had looked down upon with such aristocratic scorn.

But her mother had been her guide and oracle in life; it was not likely her sentiments should be held less sacred now that death had made her memory saintly.

This little love episode gave new interest and life to their flagging spirits. But as the fourth week crept on, the pair began to distrust sorrowfully the likelihood of Emile's death, or imprisonment.

Jules grew grave and careworn, feeling the responsibility resting upon him acutely; and his fair companion though she sedulously avoided any expression of despair, showed plainly by her paling cheek and heavy eye the anxiety which oppressed her.

In six months wheat will shrink in bulk two quarts to the bushel, or six per cent. It there follows that 94 cents a bushel in August, just after wheat is threshed, is equal to \$1 in the following February.

Mixed assemblages of men and women are forbidden by the social code of China, and under no circumstances must a Chinese husband and wife appear together in public. It would ruin a man's reputation to be seen riding in the same carriage with his wife.

A sheriff to whom the letter of the law was as good as the spirit attached three sticks of kindling wood, the property of some residents of Putney, Vt. who were sued on a contract alleged not to have been fulfilled.

Green If You Must. But also appeal to a means of relief of the torture—if physical—which produces the groan. Rheumatism is a prolific source of agony in its acute inflammatory or chronic forms. But it may be annihilated at its birth with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, unlike the poisons in minute doses often prescribed for it, is perfectly safe. In malarial kidney, bilious, dyspeptic or nervous ailments the Bitters is a certain source of relief.

Every prudent young man in Chicago, when he takes a lady to a theatre, carries \$3 in his inside pocket. This is to pay her fine in case she refuses to remove her high hat.

A Big Grass Seed Order. John A. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wis., the largest grass, clover and farm seed growers in America, recently received an order for twenty-five thousand pounds different kinds of clover, ten thousand pounds Salzer's Superior Timothy seed and ten thousand pounds of different kinds of grasses from a large Montana stock raiser. Salzer's seeds grow and produce and it pays to sow them.

In three years the progeny of a pair of rats, under favorable conditions will number 1,000.

GET STRENGTH AND APPETITE. Use Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. Your druggist will refund money if not satisfactory.

A snowdrift near Dodge City, Kan., delayed a railroad train for ten hours. The passengers could get nothing to eat but oysters and eggs, which they found in abundance in the express car.

Coe's Cough Balsam. Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

The Greater New York Charter has gone to Albany.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

There is a vast difference between being able to say prayers that sound fine, and having a broken and contrite heart.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas's \$3 shoe, featuring a portrait of the inventor and text describing the shoe's quality and price.

Advertisement for a \$200 reward in gold for finding a beautiful word, with details on the contest rules and prize.

Advertisement for Tower's Fish Brand Pomme Slicker, a hairbrush, with a fish logo and product description.

Advertisement for Alabastine, a permanent wall coating, with a list of agents and contact information.

It is announced that bill will be presented in the legislature at an early day for the erection and organization of a separate hospital for the confinement and treatment of the criminal insane of the state of Pennsylvania.

The Alabama Legislature has passed an anti-trust law identical with the Georgia law. It renders void all contracts made with a view to lessen free competition in the sale, importation or manufacture of articles of domestic growth or of raw material.

It is suggested in England to honor Queen Victoria's completion of the longest reign in English history by establishing in every community some garden or park or playground.

When bilious or constive, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

One point in the devil's favor is that theaters are generally better ventilated than churches.

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS. Over 400,000 cures. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00, all druggists.

One difference between a fool and a wise man is, that the fool talks most when he has least to say.

MAKING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BY SALE OF PATENT. For particulars write JOHN T. MILLIKEN & CO., St. Louis, Mo. Montevideo's population is 244,342.

The Christian's idea of prosperity is not something that can be measured by the state of his flour barrel.

You can tell a child that fire will burn, but it can not understand what you mean until it finds out for itself.

C. A. Maywood, South Carolina terrapin inspector, reports that terrapin have been increased tenfold in the waters of that state by protective measures, although the law has been imperfectly administered, owing to the lack of sufficient means. When the law was passed the terrapin were in eminent danger of extermination.

Many a church member is content with being a nickel-in-the-slot machine who might be an electric motor.

The Japanese make underclothing from paper.

In addition to the ships being built in Britain for Japan, one firm holds an order for 72 locomotives for that country. The bulk of the rails used in Japanese railway also come from Great Britain, and the demand is increasing.

Not a mile of railroad track was laid last year in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and only one mile in Kansas.

The man whose cause is wrong is sure to be the loser if he gains it.



"How much does the baby weigh?" is only another way of asking, "Is he healthy and strong?" When a baby is welcomed into the world with loving care and forethought, his chances of health and strength are increased a hundred-fold.

A prospective mother cannot begin to early to look after her own health and physical condition. This is sure to be reflected in the baby. Any weakness or nervous depression, or lack of vigor on the mother's part should be overcome early during the expectant time by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which promotes the perfect health and strength of the organism specially concerned in motherhood.

It makes the coming of baby absolutely safe and comparatively free from pain; renders the mother strong and cheerful, and transmits healthy constitutional vigor to the child.

No other medicine in the world has been such an unequalled blessing to mothers and their children. It is the one positive specific for all weak and diseased conditions of the feminine organism. It is the only medicine of its kind devised for this one purpose by a trained and educated specialist in this particular field.

Mrs. F. B. Canning, of No. 4320 Humphrey St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I am now a happy mother of a fine healthy baby. I feel that your 'Favorite Prescription' and little 'Pelle's' have done me more good than anything I have ever taken. Three months previous to my confinement I began using your medicine. I took three bottles of the 'Prescription.' Consequences were I was only in labor forty-five minutes. With my first baby I suffered 18 hours, then had to lose him. He was very delicate and only lived 12 hours. For two years I suffered untold agony, and had two miscarriages. The 'Favorite Prescription' saved both my child and myself. My baby is not yet three weeks old and I do not think I ever felt better in my life."

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Advertisement for Lumbago Oil, featuring the text 'When you're doubled up with pain and feel like you'd snap in two, you have LUMBAGO. When you feel strong, straight, without pain by using St. Jacobs Oil, you'll know you've used the best remedy.'

Advertisement for Candy Cathartic Cascarets, featuring a large logo and text: 'THE BEST My new Steel Forceps will save your pigs at farrowing, my Watering Troughs keep hogs healthy. I will send samples at special price for 30 days. 47, N. REIMERS, 307 E. St., Davenport, Iowa. GANDY CATHARTIC CASCARETS CURE CONSTIPATION. REGULATE THE LIVER. ALL DRUGGISTS. ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the Ideal Laxative, never grip or gripe, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York, N.Y.'

Advertisement for Baker's Chocolate, featuring a woman holding a box and text: 'Baker's Chocolate. MADE BY Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Established in 1780, at Dorchester, Mass. Has the well-known Yellow Label on the front of every package, and the trade-mark, "La Belle Chocolatiere," on the back. NONE OTHER GENUINE. Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass.'

Advertisement for 'Your Ruling Planet Discovered' by Astrology, featuring text about Prof. C. W. Cunningham's work and contact information: 'By Astrology' In the title of Prof. C. W. Cunningham's new work on this wonderful and mystical science. Written in plain, comprehensible language, every man or woman can read it. His horoscope life readings with chart are daily convincing people of the great and VALUABLE INFORMATION to be had through his wonderful knowledge of astrology. He receives letters from every state and territory and his fame has extended into foreign lands. Under no circumstances will names of correspondents be published, but the following are extracts from recent letters: "I received my horoscope, am much pleased with it. It is as near right as it is possible to make it." Another writes: "I am surprised at its correctness." Prof. Cunningham now proposes to tell your ruling planet and send a test reading ABSOLUTELY FREE to the applicants whose letters happen to be the First, Third, Fifth and Twelfth. Send your name, date, hour and minute of birth, A. M. or P. M., as near as possible. Applicants entitled to FREE READINGS will receive them by return mail with their 25 cent refund. If you do not wish to receive them, send me 15 cents to pay for their reading in case they do not win FREE reading. DO NOT DELAY, send at once. You are just as apt to win as anybody, and if you do not, you will receive a valuable test by astrology for the same sum of 25 cents. Those not knowing their time of birth should send 25 cents for further instructions. Three rules apply to all applications. No more applications for readings to be published will be received. There are more now than probably can ever be published, owing to change that are likely to occur at any time. Send the above applied for readings to be published should enclose 25 cents in stamps and cash. Part in the above content. About 100 letters have been returned to me "unclaimed." All who gave religious names had better correct the error at once. Wonderful Horoscope Readings with Chart at from 50 cents to \$5.00. Their completeness will be in accordance with amount of money sent. I will not be responsible for money sent in a letter. Send money order or stamps. Address: PROF. C. W. CUNNINGHAM, Dept. 4, 194 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Ill. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Miss E. E., Ottawa, Kansas. According to the data the sign Sagittarius, which Jupiter rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Jupiter is your ruling planet or signifier. The Moon and Mercury are on the ascendant and must be considered as co-signifiers. You are above medium height; good form; medium complexion; hair and eyes, the complexion is very clear and healthy; you are very active and energetic; generally cheerful, happy, jovial, kind and obliging; you are very kind and generous; you are a driving horse; you are somewhat inclined to speculation; in a general way you are far more fortunate than the average and you will always be able to command more or less money, however you find some special advice about finances. Miss Maria, Grand Rapids, Mich. According to the data the sign Cancer, which the Moon rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the Moon is your ruling planet or signifier. Venus and Mercury are on the ascendant and must be considered as co-signifiers. You are medium height, or slightly above; plump form; medium to dark hair and eyes; the complexion is very clear and healthy; you are very active and energetic; you are more active in your actions than the average people; you are very kind and generous; you are a driving horse; you are somewhat inclined to speculation; in a general way you are far more fortunate than the average and you will always be able to command more or less money, however you find some special advice about finances.